

“Truth & Consequences”
A Cry for Authentic Faith • pt. 3
Malachi 2:1-9

INTRODUCTION

- irresponsibility...passing the buck

- Malachi’s day: priests representing the people before God
Mal. 1:6-14

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1. Chastening (2:1-3)

- “*if...then*”: God’s call to repent

- “the curse”
Deut. 28:15-20, 27-29, 32, 34, 45, 47

- God’s ‘earthy’ judgment

2. Covenant (2:4-5)

- why God chastens...

- 2 incidents that set the Levites apart
Ex. 32:26-28; Num. 25:10-13; 18:7

3. Consecration (2:6-9)

- how Levi (Levites) faithfully served the Lord...

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• how Ezra faithfully served the Lord as priest
Ezr. 7:10; Neh. 8:7-8

- no professional clergy-class in the New Testament

- abuses and misuses in Malachi’s day...

APPLICATION

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